

III. Remarks

Claims 62, 63, 75 and 83-85 have been amended without prejudice or admission.

Claims 62 and 63 have been amended to incorporate features of claims 83 and 84. It is respectfully submitted that support for “a dissolution bath” can be found, e.g., on page 68, lines 10-12, of the original specification.

Claim 75 has been amended for clarity. It is respectfully submitted that support for this amendment can be found, e.g., on page 66, lines 13-17.

Claim 83 has been amended to recite that “the intact composition releases at least 0.025 mg of naltrexone or a bioequivalent dose of another antagonist at 1 hour, based on the in-vitro dissolution at 1 hour of the dosage form in 900 ml of Simulated Gastric Fluid using a USP Type II (paddle) apparatus at 75 rpm at 37°C.” It is respectfully submitted that support for this amendment can be found, e.g., on page 8, line 20, of the original specification.

Claims 84 has been amended to recite that “the amount of the antagonist released at 1, 2, 4 and 12 hours from the intact composition ... is undetectable by High Performance Liquid Chromatography.” It is submitted that support for this amendment can be found, e.g., on page 68, lines 5-10, of the original specification.

Claim 85 has been amended to recite that “the second layer further comprises talc.” It is respectfully submitted that support for this amendment can be found, e.g., on pages 50 and 67 of the original specification.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by virtue of the present amendments.


Claims 62-85 are pending, with claim 68 withdrawn as not reading on the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 62-67 and 69-85 are encompassed by the elected invention and the elected species.

IV. Conclusion

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. According to currently recommended Patent Office policy, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in the event that a telephonic interview will advance the prosecution of this application.

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